

Students continue efforts to save KAUR

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The KAUR staff has been sitting at a table in the Commons this week selling T-shirts and soliciting signatures in an effort to prevent the sale of KAUR.

Efforts have been continuing behind closed doors, too. On Monday, the KAUR staff met with President Rand, administration members and KRSD station manager Valerie Arganbright.

All agreed on certain

improvements.

They discussed implementing a board comprised of faculty, administration, and community members to supervise KAUR. This has been done in the past.

Other improvements suggested: less hours on the air, more responsible DJs, better use of campus programming and continuous monitoring. KAUR plans to implement these improvements at the beginning of Christmas Break.

Rand's primary concern is KAUR's current alternative style of programming: "We want this to be as effective as possible as a voice of the college -- that's what it is -- and I think we should ask ourselves the question 'In what way can this station be an effective voice of the college,' not of some segment of it. Not of some special interest in it, and not even of some special group of students," Rand said. Rand considers the programming a matter of taste.

Station manager Melissa Moyer defended KAUR's programming: "The reason the alternative type of programming was decided on in the beginning was because it complements the liberal arts education. It's one thing that can be enlightening: It's something that can be above the mainstream," Moyer said. "There's no reason any of this has to include any profane material, but I think it's important we fill the need in the community for cultural diversity in

playing what the other stations don't play."

Furthermore, KAUR cannot compete with other radio stations in the area, and most music they play is received at no charge from alternative bands.

The meeting ended with Rand telling the staff to make KAUR the best it can be, and that he is willing to discuss the meaning of the word "best." In the meantime, Rand and the KAUR staff will look into forming an advisory council.